ICAR Research Centres in Krishna and Godavari Delta

3258. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the regional centre of ICAR, Guntur (Andhra Pradesh) have sent proposals to set up five more research centres in delta region of Krishna-Godavari districts;

(b) whether it is a fact that both the World Bank and I.C.A.R. have given their consent to this proposal; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir. There are already regional centres of Central Tobacco Research Institute (CTRI), Rajahmundary at Guntur and Kandukur in Prakasam district and also a newly sanctioned station at Jillamigully. But neither these centres have sent any proposal nor the ICAR has any plan to set up five more research centres. However, the Andhra Pradesh Agricultural University (APAU) has a Zonal Research Station at Lam to ment the research requirements of Krishna-Godavari Zone. This Station was strengthened under the National Agricultural Research Project (NARP) of the ICAR at a cost of Rs. 112'52 lacs for a period of 5 years w.e.f. 30-6-1980.

(b) and (c) Under Phase II of the NARP, a preliminary exercise has been undertaken by the ICAR in order to identify areas of support. It is proposed to strengthen a Substation to meet the specific requirements of rainfed light soil area in Prakasam District and also to meet research requirements of Nagarjunasagar right Canal representing red as well as black soils. Strengthening of reserach on horticulture, post harvest technology of vegetable crops and fisheries has also been proposed for the Krishna-Godavari zone. In respect of these identified sub projects, the APU has to acquire suitable land and submit proposals to ICAR for its consideration. The ICAR has not received any of the proposals so far.

New Programmes for Employment of Rural Landless

3259. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised new programme for employment of rural landless under 20-point programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount earmarked for the programme during 1985-86, 1986-87, State-wise and the amount earned by Andhra Pradesh during these years;

(d) whether Government have iss-